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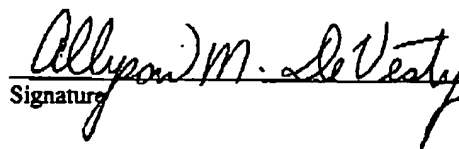
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Serial No.: 10/660,151

Filed: September 11, 2003

Examiner: Ghyka, Alexander, G.

Group Art Unit: 2812

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Title: **PROCESS FOR ETCHING POLYSILICON GATES WITH GOOD MASK
SELECTIVITY, CRITICAL DIMENSION CONTROL, AND CLEANLINESS**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 19, 2005

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 19, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring on October 19, 2005, please enter this response, and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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